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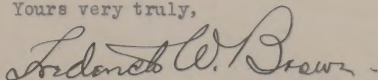
Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 14, concerning the small silver coin, sketch of which I sent you. I have compared it with pictures of coins of Panticapeum and am afraid I can not accept the view that the artist who cut this die meant it to represent the lion's scalp. It bears quite as much resemblance to the double fruit on coins of Cyrene as it does to a lion's scalp, but the points on the two lobes differentiate it from the coins of Cyrene. What it really looks like is two holly leaves with a sprig beneath, but I think the midrib and veins would have been indicated if it was meant to represent leaves. By some stretch of the imagination it might be held to represent a double spike of spelt or barley, but I admit it takes imagination to see that in it. However, not so much imagination as a lion's scalp calls for..

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Thank you again for your interest in a very minor problem. I am still groping and if you are able to throw any additional light I shall be greatly obliged.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick W. Brown". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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